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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: EXTENSION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT

REF: A) BELGRADE 2834, B) STATE 93838

1. DEPARTMENT IS DISAPPOINTED THAT GOY IS USING PRETEXT OF INTERNAL NATIONAL BANK REGULATION TO PREVENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MARCH 14 AIRLINE AGREEMENT. JAT DID NOT INDICATE TO PAN AM THAT ANY PROBLEM WAS EXPECTED WITH GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OF THE DINAR SALES OF PAN AM SERVICES VIA LONDON AND WE AGREE THAT YUGOSLAV ACTION IS PROBABLY A STALL.

2. REGARDING THE JAT COMMERCIAL OFFICE'S INSTRUCTIONS (PARA 2 REFTTEL), PAN AM NEW YORK ADVISES THAT JAT INSTRUCTIONS PERMIT LONDON'S USE AS A TRANSFER POINT VIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRANKFURT BUT DO NOT AUTHORIZE SALES THROUGH LONDON DIRECTLY AS ENVISAGED BY MARCH 14 INTER-AIRLINE AGREEMENT.

3. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES (PAN AM CONCURS) THAT IN VIEW OF APPROACH OF SEPTEMBER NEGOTIATIONS YUGOSLAVS ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO STALL ON LONDON. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT EXTENSION OF INTERIM AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED

PROMPTLY AND PROPOSE TO DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO YUGOSLAV

EMBASSY IN REPLY TO THEIR NOTE OF APRIL 21 (REF B).
EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS ORALLY, AT APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY, USG DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MARCH 14 AIRLINE
AGREEMENT CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED AS EXPECTED.

4. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO NOTE
NO. 347 DATED APRIL 21, 1977 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IS UNABLE
TO ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT OF PARAGRAPHS 3A AND 3B OF THE
PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF MAY 14, 1976 AS REQUESTED BY
OUR NOTE OF APRIL 1, 1977. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
IS HOPEFUL THAT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN BY
THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO THE REQUESTED AMENDMENT AND
THAT APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE THE INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL DISCUSSIONS OF AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT IN
SEPTEMBER.

CONCERNING THE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF MAY 14, 1976,
PERMITTING SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
PROPOSES THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR
THROUGH MARCH 31, 1978. FURTHER, WE NOTE THAT ANNEX A
OF THE NONSCHEDULED AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER
17, 1973 AS AMENDED AND EXTENDED BY THE PROVISIONAL
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ARRANGEMENT OF MAY 14, 1976 AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED ON
MARCH 31, 1977 IN THE ABSENCE OF RENEWAL BY BOTH PARTIES.
WE PROPOSE THAT ANNEX A OF THE NONSCHEDULED AIR SERVICES
AGREEMENT BE RENEWED RETROACTIVE TO APRIL 1, 1977 FOR A
PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1978.

IF THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT, WE PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO
THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS EXTENDING THE PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF
MAY 15, 1976 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1978. END TEXT

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